

# Extended Foster Care - Resource Guide

## Information & Databases

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Children's Bureau Program Instruction (ACYF-CB-PI-10-11): Guidance on Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1011.pdf>

National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD): <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/nytd>

- Data briefs, reports to Congress, etc.

Juvenile Law Center database on state extended foster care programs:

<https://jlc.org/issues/extended-foster-care>

- Includes state by state breakdown of program availability, eligibility criteria, whether IV-E funds are being used, whether re-entry is allowed, and if they have extended eligibility for IV-E Adoption Assistance and IV-E Guardianship Assistance
- Also includes detailed information about court oversight and youth rights in many states, including how the agreements are structured between the agencies and the youth and whether youth receive payments directly

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) extended foster care database:

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/extending-foster-care-to-18.aspx>

- 50 state report on extended foster care programs, including statutory, administrative, and agency policies

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) database of state policies related to older youth in foster care: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/older-youth-transitioning-from-care-50-state-data-map-and-8-state-profile.aspx>

- Breakdown of policy in 8 categories: crossover youth, driver's license/auto insurance, diligent search requirements to identify relatives, extended foster care beyond age 18, health care for youth in foster care, increasing placement stability, normalcy in foster care, and tuition waivers for youth in foster care

Child Welfare Information Gateway: Extension of Foster Care Beyond Age 18: State Statutes (2017): <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/extensionfc.pdf>

- Report on state availability of foster care beyond age 18, requirements for remaining in placement, placement agreements, transition supports provided, and summary of state laws

Annie E. Casey Foundation: A Guide to Support the Implementation of Foster Care Beyond 18 (2014): <https://www.aecf.org/resources/a-guide-to-support-the-implementation-of-foster-care-beyond-18/>

- Overview of federal requirements for IV-E extended foster care, options for states, and opportunities and challenges for states.

Child Trends and the Better Housing Coalition and Children's Home Society of Virginia national survey and policy scan on state extended foster care programs (2017): <https://chsva.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SYPTFC-Virginia-Findings-from-a-National-Survey-and-Policy-Scan-11.3.pdf>

- Research findings about the landscape of programs, policies, and practices across the country supporting youth aging out of foster care; strategies for successful state implementation of extended foster care; and an overview of critical domains of support needed by transition-age youth.

Fostering Connections Resource Center discussion guide for state implementation (2010): [http://www.ytfg.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Designing\\_FC\\_to\\_21.pdf](http://www.ytfg.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Designing_FC_to_21.pdf)

- Key design considerations and questions for states and recommendations for structuring process; also includes case examples from Iowa and Tennessee

### Relevant Research

Child Trends: Supporting Older Youth Beyond Age 18: Examining Data and Trends in Extended Foster Care (2019): <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/supporting-older-youth-beyond-age-18-examining-data-and-trends-in-extended-foster-care>

Child Trends: Funding Supports and Services for Young People Transitioning from Foster Care (2019): <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/funding-supports-and-services-for-young-people-transitioning-from-foster-care>

Child Trends: Supporting Young People Transitioning from Foster Care: Findings from a National Survey (2017): <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/supporting-young-people-transitioning-foster-care-findings-national-survey>

Chapin Hall: The California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (2012 – 2020): <https://www.chapinhall.org/research/cal youth/>

Chapin Hall: Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth (2011): <https://www.chapinhall.org/research/midwest-evaluation-of-the-adult-functioning-of-former-foster-youth/>

### Youth Perspectives

Foster Club's Transition Toolkit with recommendations from youth with lived experience in foster care on how to develop youth-driven transition planning: [http://www.fostercareandeducation.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?EntryId=1826&Command=Core\\_Download&method=inline&PortalId=0&TabId=124](http://www.fostercareandeducation.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?EntryId=1826&Command=Core_Download&method=inline&PortalId=0&TabId=124)

Fostering Advocates Arizona – a youth-driven advocacy organization - perspectives on the benefits of extended foster care: <https://www.fosteringadvocatesarizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-Issue-Brief-FINAL.pdf>